

5468. Adulteration of oysters. U. S. * * * v. Charles H. Weser. Collateral of \$20 forfeited. (F. & D. No. 8140. I. S. No. 3818-m.)

On April 5, 1917, the United States attorney for the District of Columbia, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the police court of said District an information against Charles H. Weser, Washington, D. C., alleging the sale by the said defendant, at the District aforesaid, in violation of the Food and Drugs Act, on January 11, 1917, of a quantity of oysters which were adulterated.

Analysis of a sample of the article by the Bureau of Chemistry of this department showed the following results:

Free liquor (per cent)-----	32
Oysters (per cent)-----	68

Analysis of oyster meat.

Solids (per cent)-----	12.6
Ash (per cent)-----	0.75
Sodium chlorid (per cent)-----	0.03
Loss on boiling (per cent)-----	61

Analysis of oyster liquor.

Solids (per cent)-----	1.39
Ash (per cent)-----	0.30
Sodium chlorid (per cent)-----	0.18
Solids on entire sample (per cent)-----	9.02

Results of analysis show that a substantial amount of water had been mixed and packed with the oysters.

Adulteration of the article was alleged in the information for the reason that a certain substance, to wit, water, had been mixed and packed therewith so as to reduce and lower and injuriously affect its quality and strength, and had been substituted in part for shucked oysters, which the article purported to be.

On April 5, 1917, the case having come on for disposition, and the defendant having failed to appear, his collateral in the sum of \$20 was forfeited.

CLARENCE OUSLEY, *Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*